

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated September 13, 2005. Claims 1 to 5, 7 to 11 and 14 are pending in the application, with Claims 6, 12 and 13 having been cancelled. Claims 1 to 4, 7 to 10 and 14 have been amended, and Claims 1, 7 and 14 are in independent form. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that Claims 6 and 12 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claims. In keeping with the indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 6 and 12, Applicant has amended each of independent Claims 1, 7 and 14 to include the substance of Claim 6 or 12, and these claims have consequently been cancelled.

In incorporating the substance of Claim 6 or 12, each of independent Claims 1, 7 and 14 were further amended for clarification purposes. Specifically, in each of independent Claims 1, 7 and 14 as amended, (i) a present bootstrap time is detected and a previous bootstrap time stored in a nonvolatile memory is updated to the detected present bootstrap time, (ii) the previous bootstrap time stored in the nonvolatile memory is compared to the detected present bootstrap time, to determine a difference therebetween, and (iii) all print job files are deleted from the memory, when at least a print job file is stored in the memory and when the difference falls within a predetermined time period.

Corresponding changes have been made to the pending dependent claims, for consistency with the amended language of the independent claims. Consequently, independent Claims 1, 7 and 14 as amended, together with their dependent claims, are seen to be in condition for allowance.


The Office Action entered rejections of Claim 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 101, Claims 1 to 4, 7 to 10, 13 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0097429 (Ferlitsch), and Claims 5 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Ferlitsch in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0048476 (Kao). The foregoing actions, and the cancellation of Claim 13, have been taken without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and without conceding correctness of the rejections, but rather strictly to obtain an earlier allowance.

An Information Disclosure Statement accompanies this Amendment.

No other matters being raised, it is believed that the entire application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

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